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Exempt Agency Final Regulation Agency Background Document

Agency Name:	Board of Counseling - Department of Health Professions
VAC Chapter Number:	18 VAC 115-30-10 et seq. 18 VAC 115-60-10 et seq.
Regulation Title:	Regulations Governing the Certification of Substance Abuse Counselors Regulations Governing the Licensure of Substance Abuse Treatment Professionals
Action Title:	Revision of Code reference
Date:	8/26/02

Where an agency is exempt in part or in whole from the requirements of the Administrative Process Act (§ 9-6.14:1 *et seq.* of the *Code of Virginia*), the agency may provide information pertaining to the action to be included on the Regulatory Town Hall. The agency must still comply the requirements of the Virginia Register Act (§ 9-6.18 *et seq.* of the *Code of Virginia*) and file the regulations with the Registrar in a style and format conforming with the *Virginia Register Form, Style and Procedure Manual*. The agency must also comply with Executive Order Fifty-Eight (99) which requires an assessment of the regulation's impact on the institution of the family and family stability.

This agency background document may be used by **agencies exempt pursuant to § 9-6.14:4.1(A) of the APA**. Note agencies exempted need not file a Notice of Intended Regulatory Action. Exempt agencies must file with the Registrar beginning at the proposed stage.

Summary

Please provide a brief summary of the proposed new regulation, amendments to an existing regulation, or the regulation being repealed. There is no need to state each provision or amendment or restate the purpose and intent of the regulation; instead give a summary of the regulatory action and alert the reader to all substantive matters or changes. If applicable, generally describe the existing regulation.

The board is amending sections of its regulations for substance abuse counseling to update the Code reference to the Freedom of Information Act. Prior to recodification of the Act, the Code

cite in 18 VAC 115-30-140 B 6 and in 18 VAC 115-60-130 B 18 was § 2.1-342 B 3; the same Code cite after recodification effective October 1, 2001 should be § 2.2-3704. The effective date of this regulation will be October 23, 2002.

Statement of Final Agency Action

Please provide a statement of the final action taken by the agency: including the date the action was taken, the name of the agency taking the action, and the title of the regulation.

In accordance with the powers and duties of Board of Counseling, amendments to 18 VAC 115-30-10 et seq., Regulations Governing the Certification of Substance Abuse Counselors and 18 VAC 115-60-10 et seq., Regulations Governing the Licensure of Substance Abuse Treatment Professionals were adopted on August 23, 2002. Although required to comply with the Virginia Register Act, the agency is exempt from provisions of the Administrative Process Act for the implementation of these regulations pursuant to § 2.2-4006.

Family Impact Statement

Please provide an analysis of the regulatory action that assesses the impact on the institution of the family and family stability including the extent to which the regulatory action will: 1) strengthen or erode the authority and rights of parents in the education, nurturing, and supervision of their children; 2) encourage or discourage economic self-sufficiency, self-pride, and the assumption of responsibility for oneself, one's spouse, and one's children and/or elderly parents; 3) strengthen or erode the marital commitment; and 4) increase or decrease disposable family income.

There is no impact on the family as a result of this regulatory action.